

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 19 2004

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 1-703-872-9306 on March 19, 2004.

Donald Prater  
Name (Print)

*D.S. Prater*  
Signature

OFFICIAL

Expedited Procedure Requested  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CHEN et al.

Examiner: William P. WATKINS, III

Application No.: 09/630,121

Group Art Unit: 1772

Filed: August 1, 2000

Confirmation No.: 8367

Docket No.: 3620-023-01

Customer No.: 33432

For: THERMOPLASTIC PLANKS AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 19, 2004

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before March 20, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.